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COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Fee Increase - UPDATE

The Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS) has made modifications to the previously provided guidance [Advisory 219](#), issued on December 11, 2020, and [Advisory 221](#), issued on January 12, 2021.

Effective 3/22/21, OPS will be updating the incentive fee for all FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines administered by pharmacy providers. The new incentive fee will be \$40 for the administration of each dose of the vaccine. The incentive fee will be the same regardless of the vaccine and the number of doses required for the vaccination. Payment for the ingredient cost should be \$ 0.01.

An updated COVID-19 vaccine payer sheet is available under Payer Specific Information at: <http://www.mdrxprograms.com/ooep.html#PI>

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Maryland Department of Health (**MDH**) **Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS)** has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**.

To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations.

It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via MDH, please contact the OPS representative at 410-767-1455.